

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: November 26 - December 2, 2011

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

MFWP will begin posting [monitoring flight reports](#) for closed hunting Wolf Management Units. The only unit currently closed is 390. Monitoring flight reports can be found online at

<http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/monitoring.html>

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS

Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type and # (injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c))					Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/Llama	Horse	Dog		
12/2/11	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler	2c, 3p					Private	Kill 3, Collar 1
2011 Running Total*			86	14	0	1	6		

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	WS	Other (tribal/ incidental)	WS	Landowner		
2011 Running Total*			24	10	5	47	11		21** + 105 legal harvest (as of 11/30)

*There is often a lag time between activities and reporting due to ongoing investigations. Running tallies are estimates based on known data at the time of 'wolf weekly' publication and may not match final annual report numbers.

**Other mortalities to date include vehicle and train kills, illegal take, other human caused mortalities and natural mortalities.

November 27, 2011 (reported in 11/19-25 weekly): FWP received sporadic reports and photographs of a black collared wolf starting in May 2011. FWP personnel closely monitored reports, searched missing collared wolf frequencies from the ground and air, but did not locate any wolves through these means throughout the summer and fall. Based on physical characteristics and proximity to the reports, it is likely that the collared black wolf observed around the Broadus area is the same individual involved in the 11/27 sheep depredations and killed on 11/27 under defense of property rules. The wolf was originally collared near Jackson, WY in 2010. This 2.5 year old wolf died about 300 miles straight-line distance from where it was collared.

